

**MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 6, 2013
Scripps Ranch Community Center

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 p.m., Quorum established at 7:16 p.m.

Members Present: Lorayne Burley, Lou Segreti, Ralph Merg, Tom Meissner, Michelle Defelippi, Russell Shon, Michelle Abella-Shon.

Guests: Wally Wulfeck, Jim Sullivan, Jan Kane, Allan Boxler, Michael Defelippi, Ernie Burciaga

Introductions: Committee members and guests in attendance introduced themselves.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda items):

Regarding Watermark project. Resident Jim Sullivan discussed a potential bike lane near the Watermark project. Mr. Sullivan has proposed a bike lane that enters into the parking structure to avoid the freeway intersection. He has raised this issue with Watermark before, but nothing has been put in writing on this topic. Mr. Sullivan noted that he also raised with the project owner some debris on the property. Some of the debris issues have been addressed, but not all of them. Mr. Sullivan suggests that all future commitments from the project owner be put in writing.

Modifications to the Agenda: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **City Council District 5:** None
2. **City of San Diego Planning Dept:** None
3. **Caltrans:** None
4. **Federal/State/County:** None
5. **Scripps Ranch Planning Group & Scripps Ranch Civic Association:** Wally Wulfeck noted that SRPG is following the Watermark project. He also noted that there is another Sudberry project proposed near Carroll Canyon and I-15. There is concern that the project will involve a "big box" store. Mr. Wulfeck noted that community opinion is generally negative towards this proposed project. SRPG is waiting for an EIR on this project.

Mr. Wulfeck also noted that the Chabad Educational Complex is building dormitory units for students and faculty on the south side of Pomerado Rd. They are in the process of subdividing the property in order to obtain financing on the individual buildings. SRPG has recommended approval of this project and it will now proceed to the planning commission.

Mr. Wulfeck identified another pending development on Pomerado Rd. involving Community Life Communities (CLC) that recently named the project, The Glen at Scripps Ranch. The project will involve approximately 450 residents, varying from independent living to skilled nursing. SRPG is awaiting an EIR on this project.

6. Community Planning Council: Training for how to propose capital improvement projects is available for members of all city planning groups. District 5 training will take place at the Scripps Library on August 27 at 6:30. Members of the MRNPC are encouraged to attend. Input on potential projects is due by the end of September. Planning groups must hold two meetings and obtain input from the community prior to proposing projects.

It was noted that the city's total capital improvement budget is about \$200 million per year. Most projects are proposed and obtained by asset-owning city departments.

Some ideas for capital improvement projects were discussed, including an early warning system for fire danger, traffic mitigation on Pomerado near Marshall Middle School, a fire sub station on the corner of Pomerado and Avenida Magnifica, a new median at Hibert Street, street resurfacing, and new bike paths.

A Bicycle Master Plan has been approved by the city. Mr. Wulfeck expressed concern that there were no improvements east of the I-15.

A Bike Share Program was also recently approved. The Bike Share Program will involve 1800 city-owned bicycles at 180 kiosks.

PRESENTATIONS/ DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS:

1. Election: Jan Kane, owner in MRNPC and resident in Stonebridge, was elected to a four year term effective September 2013. Motion by Tom Meissner; Second by Michelle Abella-Shon. Motion carries 7-0.

2. CPC Alternate Designation: Michelle Abella-Shon was appointed as CPC alternate; Motion by Michelle Defelippi; Second by Tom Meissner. Motion carries 7-0.

3. Neighborhood Input on Infrastructure:

Some discussion of this issue took place during the Communications and Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Examples of prior proposals were circulated, along with samples of project application forms.

The following potential capital improvement projects were discussed:

- Upgrading parks to make them suitable for year-round activity;
- Resurfacing Scripps Poway Parkway;
- Improvements to Scripps Poway Parkway manhole covers;
- Lighting for Spring Canyon Park;
- Installation of a pedestrian and bike bridge over Scripps Poway Parkway and I-15;
- Upgraded pedestrian crosswalk at I-15 and Mira Mesa;

- Landscaping median along Spring Canyon Road;
- Skateboard park at YMCA;
- Off-leash dog park.

4. **Approval of minutes - June 1013:** Motion by Russell Shon; Second by Tom Meissner. Motion carries 3-0, with 4 abstentions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Chair's report:** Circulated by email.
2. **MAD/LMD:** Will be addressed in Nov/Dec. Jan Kane offered to take the lead on interactions with MAD representative, Jaime. There was discussion of a possible tour of the district to identify potential issues.
3. **New Projects & Transportation:** None.
4. **Facilities & Financing:** An *ad hoc* subcommittee will be discussed. A suggestion was made to re-name this committee "PFFP."
5. **Schools:** Cindy Martens is the new superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District.
6. **YMCA, Open Space, Parks & Recreation:** None.

Other Business: None.

Adjournment at 8:25 p.m.

Christopher W. Todd

From: mrnpc-members@googlegroups.com on behalf of Lorayne W. Burley
<mrnpcchair@scrippsranh.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 3:21 PM
To: MRNPC-members@googlegroups.com; Kane, Jan; Ernie Burciaga
Cc: Bob Ilko; Wally Wulfeck; Tony Kempton; Vinson, Tiffany; Janay Kruger; Abeyta, Angela; Reed, Tracy
Subject: MRNPC - Chair's Report - 2013 Aug 6th Meeting
Attachments: WallyWulfeck-CIP-newsletter-submission-08-2013-PDF.pdf

Fellow MRNPC Members & Guests-

In August, we have some administrative work - election of Jan Kane, designation of our CPC Alternate, and approval of June minutes.

Followed by addressing the Neighborhood Input on Infrastructure Needs and Priorities. This requires us to collect input and suggestions from the community at two meetings and then prioritize and recommend projects to the CPC and which then recommends to City Council. Training date for any interested member is August 27th, 7:00pm at the SR Library. Deadline for our submission to the CPC is Sept 24th.

The SMRPG Chair, Wally Wulfeck, wrote an excellent article explaining the new CIP process. I have attached a copy of his article for reference.

New for this year - the public can support/vote on projects in their neighborhoods with an online website application/tool. See <http://infrastructure.opensandiego.org/> to review. This application includes last year's CPC recommendations. This is a test of a concept and is not considered to be official. This webpage is being advertised to the public.

In other news

1. The final Watermark Project EIR has not been released. When the final project EIR is released, MRN will hold a Watermark Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting to review the results. The subcommittee can advise on potential amendments. Amendments or conditions can be added, by vote to the current MRN project approval, at the Sept/Oct meeting.

2. MRN will hold several ad hoc subcommittee meetings in the coming months.

(a) **Administration Ad Hoc Subcommittee** meeting - scheduled for 6:30pm prior to our 7pm meeting on Aug 6th. Attendance is optional but encouraged.

(b) **Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Ad Hoc Subcommittee** meeting - pending for for either Oct or Nov of 2013 in preparation for our annual Dec budget review and approval.

(c) **Public Facility Finance Plan (PFFP) Ad Hoc Subcommittee** meeting - schedule early 2014 or TBD.

3. MRN can determine if the group needs to hear the short presentation on the Recycled Water Vaults

System Upgrades Project in Sept. The project objective: "comply with the code, all potable and recycled water vaults with existing drains connecting to the storm water system will be retrofitted with drains connected to the sewer system." The water vault within MRN is located at the southern corner of Scripps Poway Parkway and I-15 NB off ramp. SMRPG will hear the presentation on this topic at the Aug 1st meeting.

4. MRN has a placeholder at our Sept 3rd meeting for a follow-up presentation of the Advanced Water Purification (AWP) facility where recycled water is purified to drinking water standards. MRN heard a presentation at our Oct 5th, 2010 meeting. This follow-up presentation will share the results of the project and the next steps for potable reuse in San Diego. Members of MRN are invited to participate in a tour of the City's AWP facility. Details can be discussed at the Aug 6th meeting.

5. At the July 23rd CPC meeting, we were fortunate to have the new Planning Director, Bill Fulton, speak to share his background and vision for recreating the City Planning Department. One of his goals is to attend every City planning group meeting. So far, he has attended two during his 15+ days on the job. Bill is very well known in the area of Urban Planning and is credited w/ the use of the term "Smart Growth." Below is one news article, one of many out there, regarding Mr. Fulton.
<http://voiceofsandiego.org/2013/06/11/four-things-to-know-about-san-diegos-new-planning-director/>

6. The City Council approved BikeShare with DecoBike, a private company. Planning Groups will be offered the opportunity to talk with Ed Clancy, Program Manager, Bike Initiatives. I invited Ed to visit us in Sept and have not heard back from him. Think - Zip Car concept - but for bikes.

7. SR/92131 street improvements occurred during the months June/July/Aug. Many streets were in good enough condition to slurry seal. Other streets were in a condition where asphalt resurfacing or overlay is required. Some residents might not be pleased about having to wait for asphalt work vs. the new placed slurry seal. Below is some helpful info.

Slurry Sealing => acts as a wearing surface and seals the existing asphalt surface, usually placed in less than 1 inch thickness. Used on streets w/ light volume. Not suitable for streets with heavier traffic volume. Process involves crack sealing of selected cracks, patching pot holes or deteriorated areas and placement of the slurry seal.

Asphalt Resurfacing or Overlay => is place in 2 inch thick lifts. Used on heavier traffic volume streets. Process involves grinding off selected areas of old asphalt either along the curb or within the street, patching any pot holes or deteriorated areas, placing fabric if needed, placing and compacting hot mix asphalt pavement and adjusting any street h/w to new grade of asphalt.

8. Assemblymember Brian Maienschein has offered his congratulations to a few of our MRN members by providing "formal letters of thanks." I look forward to presenting them at the Aug 6th meeting.

Thank you all for your service to the community. See you Tuesday.

Note: *This MRNPC Chair's Report will become part of our public August 6th meeting records.*

Regards.

-Lorayne

--

The MRNPC mailing list is intended for one-way communications to our members. Please do not reply all concerning substantive matters or opinions, in order that we avoid serial meetings violative of the Brown Act. You are welcome to reply, individually, with any comments, questions or concerns. Thank you.

You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "MRNPC-members" group. To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, send an email to mrnpc-members+unsubscribe@googlegroups.com.

For more options, visit https://groups.google.com/groups/opt_out.



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OPEN SPACE DIVISION
MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
AUGUST 2013 STAFF REPORT**

Ornamental Landscaping

- Several Pine trees on the corner of Spring Canyon Rd. and Scripps Ranch Blvd. have been struggling. The needles have turned brown and the trunks are bleeding sap. *The City Arborist reported that the trees are in fairly good health and to keep a watchful eye on them just in case they turn for the worst.*
- Brush clearing behind the homes on Scripps Ranch Blvd has been taking place the past 4 weeks and completed as of July 26th. If you believe the brush behind your home is overgrown and is in the Miramar Ranch North MAD and not part of the HOA, or if you are not sure, please contact me so we can have it evaluated as quickly as possible.
- Over the years the district has lost several trees to car accidents and the trees were never replaced. Since January we lost five Crape Myrtle Trees, two Podocarpus trees and one very large Pine Tree. We will begin to replace these trees within the next few weeks with 15 gallon trees of the same species. The District has recovered revenue from the various insurance companies for several of these accidents and is currently waiting on responses for two major accidents that took place within the last month; one on Scripps Poway Parkway in front of the Taco Bell and the other on the corner of Scripps Ranch Blvd and Spring Canyon Rd.
- We are currently battling weeds which are a yearly issue but should have them under control within the next two weeks.
- Please contact your Grounds Maintenance Manager if you have suggestions on ways to improve maintenance activities within the district.

Tree Trimming

- Three intent to award letters were issued in October of 2012 for the new Citywide tree service solicitation that was placed out to bid in July of 2012. Three vendors were notified of pending award. The contract was placed onto the City Council's Budget Committee agenda for approval on March 13, 2013 but the item was pulled from the agenda due to a City Attorney's opinion. There currently is no timeframe for award however purchasing and Contracting is working on a solution for interim needs. Staff has set aside tree trimming funds with Atlas Tree Service in case of any emergency work that may need to occur between now and award of the new tree contract. *(No change from last month)*

Mini-Parks

- Butterfly Gardens Park has been having issues with its lighting. Repair ticket #36010 has been issued to the Facilities Maintenance Division. The blown light bulbs need to be replaced and the light timer will be adjusted to come on at sunset and turn off at sunrise. *(No change from last month)*
- Thanks to a generous donation of \$4,000 from Council District 5 Councilman Mark Kersey, the MAD will be purchasing two new benches which will be located in the mini-park west of the Fire Station along Spring Canyon Road. A purchase order has been submitted for the two benches. *The Benches have been ordered but will take three weeks to be delivered.*

Open Space

- No Change

Landscape Contract

- Blue Skies continues to provide services within budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Diez
Grounds Maintenance Manager
(619) 685-1306
jdiez@sandiego.gov

cc: Casey Smith, District Manager, Open Space Division